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April 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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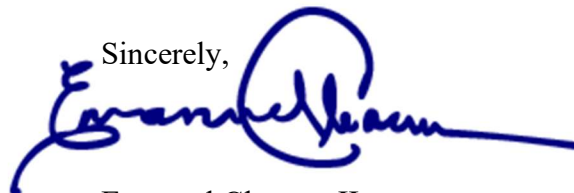
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Regional Affordable Housing Initiative in fiscal year 2022.

The project sponsor for this project is the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), located at 600 Broadway, Ste. 280, Kansas City, MO 64105.

A collaborative effort between LISC, Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), Oikos Development Corporation, and other area non-profit housing providers, this funding will help provide affordable housing production in low-income neighborhoods, as well as homeownership education, down payment assistance, and minor home repair. In addition, the partnership will address system-level changes to ensure a more equitable housing ecosystem by creating an online platform to increase knowledge sharing, convene providers and stakeholders, and identify resources for historically disinvested communities. The initial target region will be the Historic Northeast neighborhood in Kansas City, one of the most diverse neighborhoods in the metro area. The average annual income in the neighborhood is less than \$35,000, with significant pockets where individuals are making less than \$10,000 per year. A shortage of nearly 50,000 affordable housing units across the Kansas City region has been identified, with nearly 1 in 3 families in the metro considered housing-cost burdened. This comprehensive, collaborative effort will benefit low- and moderate-income families by allowing for the immediate production of additional affordable housing units, while building the foundation needed for long-term systemic success.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,  


Emanuel Cleaver, II  
Member of Congress